

SENATE RESOLUTION 2

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A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Dwayne Duhon for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a Certified Protection Professional.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dwayne M. Duhon is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, having earned his bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement at Northeast Louisiana University and his master's degree in Criminal Justice at Middle Tennessee State University, Mr. Duhon is a highly respected member of the law enforcement community. In constant pursuit of greater knowledge, Mr. Duhon is also a graduate of the Calcasieu Parish Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Tom Peters School of Management, the Darden School of Financial Management, and the Covey Leadership Center School for People Centered Leadership. He has attended the Echerd College Management Development Institute of Higher Learning, has completed all three levels of the Protection of Assets Seminar, and has furthered his education through The Kroger Company Certified Management Assessor; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Protection Professional, Dwayne Duhon is the Risk Manager for the Kroger Company, covering portions of Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky; along with being a registered lobbyist for Kroger and the treasurer for the Kroger Political Action Committee, Mr. Duhon is also responsible for eighty-four retail stores and seven plants in which he has to stay abreast of various legal, workers compensation, general liability, patron safety, and labor dispute issues. He conducts "Drugs In the WorkPlace" and "Violence in the WorkPlace" seminars, Security Audits, and Physical Security Inventories, designs CCTV Systems and Lighting, and is an instructor of the Corporate America Self Defense Course; and

WHEREAS, a recognized expert in his field, Mr. Duhon has authored two books which were adopted by The Kroger Company, entitled the "Safety and Security Officers Manual" and the "Physical Security Strike Plans Manual"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as the risk manager of Kroger and throughout his entire career, Mr. Duhon has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; in honor of his dedication to preserving and protecting the security and well-being of others, Mr. Duhon was presented with the Community Service Award on March 17, 1999, in recognition of the assistance that he has given to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duhon is a certified Red Cross Instructor in Multi Media First Aid, Disaster Management Planning, and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation; and he serves on the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance's subcommittee on the regulation of the State's licensing of security officers; and

WHEREAS, for his many outstanding leadership achievements, not only for his company, but also for his community, Mr. Dwayne Duhon was inducted into the 1989/90 Inaugural Volume of *The National Security Institute's 'Who's Who in Security'*; and

WHEREAS, he donates his time and numerous talents to teaching law enforcement officials for free in order to promote a stronger governmental liaison, and on February 6, 2001,

Mr. Duhon is scheduled to teach a much anticipated self-defense course to the members of the General Assembly and their staff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duhon served as an enforcement officer for over six years in Louisiana and actively served in the public sector on Strike Force, the narcotic squads, and on the Special Forces Team (Tactical Squad); during his last three and a-half years of law enforcement, Mr. Duhon also taught high school, helping to shape young minds into productive citizens of today; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, while a member of the Pistol Team, Mr. Duhon showed his excellent marksmanship by taking first place in the State of Louisiana and placed second in the nation during that same year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duhon's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an active member of many professional organizations, Mr. Duhon is an associate member of the Chief of Police of Tennessee and is a co-sponsor of their annual event; he serves astutely on the Board of Directors for the Nashville Police Department's Crime Stoppers, where he was the Fundraising Chairperson from 1988-91 and the Chairperson of the organization from 1992-94; and

WHEREAS, he is also the former chapter chairperson and former secretary, treasurer, membership chairman and regional vice president for the Middle Tennessee Chapter of American Society for Industrial Security; he was awarded the 1986 Presidential Award of Merit, only three men in the United States received this distinguished award; and was appointed to serve on the American Society for Industrial Security's ASIS Foundation Board from 1986-90. He served from 1989-90 as the secretary of the Foundation. He currently serves as an eight-year member of the ASIS Retail Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dwayne Duhon is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duhon is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Mr. Dwayne M. Duhon for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.